

**5B Restoration Coalition**  
**Teleconference Notes**  
**July 18, 2017**

**Present:** Nancy Humphrey, Kirk Flanagan, Chris Leman, Lili Simpson, Susan Giannettino, Zach Poff, Dani Mazzotta, Lynn Campion-Waddell, John Kurtz, Jim Keating, Karen DiBari

Greetings and Announcements – everyone introduced themselves and welcomed Lili Simpson, who serves on the Levy Advisory Board for the Blaine County Land, Water, & Wildlife Program.

**Updates:**

- **BLM Travel Management** (John Kurtz)- Public open house meeting, July 27 at the Community Campus in Hailey; notices are in the paper. Also BLM is emailing and mailing their “interested party list” to make sure they are aware of the process. Scoping period will end September 20<sup>th</sup>. BLM hired Advanced Resource Solutions. Providing KMZ files online so people can view the plans through GoogleEarth. The analysis will be an environmental assessment (EA). The BLM has identified three options for how to handle the trail network; none of them is a preferred action and no alternative is better than the other. All of the info is outlined in the interested parties letter, and more information is on the BLM e-planning website.
  - WEBSITE: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/planAndProjectSite.do?methodName=renderDefaultPlanOrProjectSite&projectId=83363&dctmId=0b0003e880f4d82b>
  - **Action:** John will send Karen the interested parties letter and she will forward to the 5BRC contact list.
- **Croy Creek Trail** – large pile of soil at the Croy Creek trailhead
- **Martin Canyon Gun Range** – there was a trough about 10 feet deep behind the berm by the gun range – BLM filled it in to address the safety hazard
- **Trails Funding Committee** (Susan and Nancy)– Susan, Nancy and Brett have been working together. They have put together initial ideas on a community-centered approach to raising funds for trail maintenance, and are reaching out to a broader group of people in the community to get feedback and make adjustments/changes/improvements to those ideas. Susan sent out an email to the 5BRC outlining the initial ideas about a month ago and nothing has changed much since then. The group has looked at what other communities have done, and are “cherry-picking” to put together an approach that would work well in the Wood River Valley.
  - **Action:** If anyone is interested in providing input, please contact Susan.

- **Deer Creek Restoration** (Zach Poff) – need to rebuild road due to flooding this spring; three bridges have no water underneath them at this point. Have outhouses to deliver, trailheads to finish, etc. however there is no access due to the road blowout. Zach requested an extension on two grants; damage done affects only 10% of the work that was done so far. The trails themselves are in good shape, so the work done by the Idaho Conservation Corps is holding.
- **Interpretive Signs:** Have an order in to build the kiosks for the Deer Creek trailheads; will be built locally. Karen/NFF has worked with Evelyn to get the contract set up. Windy City will print the signs. NFF and the FS are working on the kiosk construction as well.
- **Alden Gulch** – Was funded through the state of Idaho Recreational Trails Program funding; will have FS folks out on the ground to complete design work in late August/September. NFF raised funds from REI to support trail construction by Idaho Conservation Corps; no force account funding coming out of the District trails budget so this is a highly leveraged project!!!
- **Little Wood** – (Zach) Ketchum Ranger District is working with Idaho Trails Association to support the weeklong work project in August. Partnership with local outfitter, Idaho Trails Association, NFF, Pioneer Alliance. Exciting project – beautiful drainage. Another great example of partnerships!!!
- **Dark Sky Reserve** – (Dani/Kirk) – still working through the application for a Dark Sky Reserve. The forest has to work through the region; goal is to have a final draft by the end of the month in order to submit it this fall. The cities of Ketchum and Sun Valley are also submitting Dark Sky Communities applications. Some universities are bringing students into the Wood River
  - **Action:** If you'd like to provide input on the draft application, please contact Dani.

## Looking Ahead

- Engaging in Fire Resilience project with the University of Idaho – how and what can the 5BRC do to be involved with this opportunity?
  - Action: Talk more about this at the face to face meeting in September. It would be helpful to get more information.
- Fall Field Trip/meeting – people interested in a field trip.
  - Action: Karen will send out a doodle poll to find a meeting date in September or October.